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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I want to have my opinion entered in the public record in full support of Microsoft. I understand the terms of the settlement Microsoft has agreed to, and feel that the Justice Department has no other choice but to make the settlement final, for the good of the people. The settlement is extremely fair to all of Microsoft's rivals and gives them a more level playing field to compete within the ever-changing computing and software industry. Microsoft's competitors will be able to give computer users the choice of using Microsoft or non-Microsoft software features within the Windows operating system.

I have followed this case for some time, watching and waiting for something to happen to resolve this issue. The Justice Department has slapped Microsoft in the face for the past three years for being more successful than any corporation. This is not the first time a company has been legally stopped by the government, and I am sad to say, it won't be the last. So much money and government, public and private resources have been squandered trying to prove Microsoft has operated unfairly as a monopoly. What Microsoft has done is give the world incredible software technology that has helped ever day lives and businesses run more efficiently and increasing productivity. The competition has to date, not been able to produce anything close in comparison to Windows.

Sincerely,

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